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3. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein in addition to polyamide 6, the outer layer contains a polyamide selected from the group comprising polyamide 6, polyamide 10, polyamide 12, polyamide 66, polyamide 610, polyamide 6I, polyamide 612, polyamide 6/66, polyamide 6I/6T, polyamide MXD6, polyamide 6/6I, polyamide 6/6T, polyamide 6/IPDI, copolymers of monomers forming said polymers or mixtures of said polymers or copolymers.

Please replace Claim 4 with the following:

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4. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein the particles dispersed in the outer layer comprise particles that have, in two mutually perpendicular directions that can be arbitrarily chosen for each particle, a dimension in each case of at least a tenth of the dimension of the particles in the direction with the smallest dimension.

Please replace Claim 5 with the following:

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5. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein the particles dispersed in the outer layer are sheet silicates.

Please replace Claim 6 with the following:

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6. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein said multilayer film contains one or more EVOH-containing layers.

Please replace Claim 7 with the following:

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7. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein said multilayer film has an at least monolayer heat-sealable coating on that side of the multilayer film remote from the outer layer.

Please replace Claim 8 with the following:

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8. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein said multilayer film contains one or more coupling layers.

Please replace Claim 9 with the following:

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9. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein in addition to the outer layer and one or more further layers composed of polyamide and, optionally, conventional additives and also, optionally, one or more EVOH-containing layers, one or more heat-sealable coatings and also one or more coupling layers, said multilayer film additionally contains one or more further polymeric layers or a layer of a metal oxide or nonmetal oxide between two inner layers.

Please replace Claim 10 with the following:

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10. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein at least one outer layer, optionally also a plurality of or all the layers are subjected after extrusion to a stretching operation selected from: stretching only in the longitudinal direction; stretching only in the transverse direction; stretching first in the longitudinal direction and then in the transverse direction; stretching simultaneously in the longitudinal direction and transverse direction; and combinations thereof.

Please replace Claim 11 with the following:

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11. (Once Amended, Clean) The multilayer film of Claim 1 wherein said multilayer film is produced as a blown film by coextrusion.

Please replace Claim 12 with the following:

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12. (Once Amended, Clean) A method of using the multilayer film of Claim 1 for packaging foodstuffs.